

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant	:	Eldridge et al.	
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**AMENDMENT**

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the final Office Action of November 18, 2005, the period for response to which has been extended to March 20, 2006 (the first business day following March 18, 2006) by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, and in conjunction with a Request For Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.